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GOVERNOR MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE

More than 50 leaders of statewide veterans service organizations joined Secretary Tom Johnson for the semi-annual California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) Secretary's Conference in the Medal of Honor Hall at the CDVA Headquarters Building on October 7, 2005.



Secretary Tom Johnson and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger during the CDVA Secretary's Conference.

Halfway through the conference, guests were treated to a surprise visit from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The Governor spoke to the group and expressed his support and appreciation for the service and sacrifice of California's veterans. He then went around the room shaking the hand of every conference participant before he left.

The purpose of these CDVA-sponsored events is to bring together veteran advocates, leaders of veterans organizations from across California, and the CDVA management team to communicate, share, learn, question, answer and cooperate with each other so we can all better coordinate our efforts to serve California's veterans.

In addition to Secretary Johnson, speakers included:

- Undersecretary Roger Brautigan, CDVA
- Robert Johnson, CDVA Director, Capital Development and Construction
- Major General William H. Wade II, Adjutant General, California National Guard
- Lawrence S. Sandler, Director, Northern California Health Care System, USDVA
- Jay Vargas, Veterans Liaison Officer, USDVA
- Pete Molina, Pacific Regional Commander of the National American Indian Veterans, Inc.
- Steve Read, Director Family Programs, Family Assistance Network, California National Guard
- Gen. Don Mattson (CA) (Ret), California Military Museum
- Steve Jorgensen, Northern California Veterans Cemetery Administrator, CDVA
- Bill Beal, California Employment Development Department
- Betsy Hite, California Association of Health Facilities

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